

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 9: Bear

General Bear

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Fem Harv Obj
Aug 10 - Aug 30, 2007	(1,2)	1, 2A, 2B, and 2C	Any bear except sows with cubs	4
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	1, 2A, 2B, and 2C	Any bear except sows with cubs	4
Aug 10 - Aug 30, 2007	(1,2)	3B	Any bear except sows with cubs	3
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	3B	Any bear except sows with cubs	5
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	3C	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	4A and 5A	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	4B	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	5B	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	6A	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Aug 10 - Aug 30, 2007	(1,2)	6B (except Camp Navajo)	Any bear except sows with cubs	3
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	7 and 9	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	8	Any bear except sows with cubs	3
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	10, 18A, 19B, 20A, and 20B	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	17A, 17B, and 18B	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	19A	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2,8)	21	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2,3)	22 North	Any bear except sows with cubs	4
Aug 10 - Aug 30, 2007	(1,2,4)	22 South	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2,4)	22 South	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2,5)	23 North	Any bear except sows with cubs	5
Aug 10 - Aug 30, 2007	(1,2,6)	23 South	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Oct 5 - Dec 30, 2007	(1,2,6)	23 South	Any bear except sows with cubs	3
Aug 10 - Aug 30, 2007	(1,2)	24A	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	24A	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Aug 10 - Aug 30, 2007	(1,2)	24B	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	27	Any bear except sows with cubs	12
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	28	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	29 and 30A	Any bear except sows with cubs	3
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	31	Any bear except sows with cubs	3
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	32	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
			Total	81

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Bear nonpermit-tag obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.

Archery-Only Bear

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Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Fem Harv Obj
Aug 31 - Oct 4, 2007	(1,2)	4B	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Aug 31 - Oct 4, 2007	(1,2)	6B (except Camp Navajo) and 11M	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Aug 31 - Oct 4, 2007	(1,2)	19A	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Aug 31 - Oct 4, 2007	(1,2,5)	23 North	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Aug 31 - Oct 4, 2007	(1,2)	27	Any bear except sows with cubs	5
Aug 31 - Oct 4, 2007	(1,2)	32	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Aug 31 - Oct 4, 2007	(1,2,7)	Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A	Any bear except sows with cubs	

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LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Bear nonpermit-tag obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.

Notes:

1. No person shall knowingly use any substance as bait at any time to attract or take bear.
2. When the number of bears equaling the female harvest objective for a particular hunt has been reported killed, the unit(s) will be closed at sundown the Wednesday immediately following. Hunters are responsible for calling 1-800-970-BEAR (-2327) before hunting to determine if their desired hunt unit is still open.
3. 22 North Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 22 located north of the following: Beginning at the confluence of the Verde River and the East Verde River; easterly along the East Verde River to FR 406; easterly on FR 406 to Payson; easterly on AZ Hwy 260 to the Unit Boundary.
4. 22 South Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 22 located south of the following: Beginning at the confluence of the Verde River and the East Verde River; easterly along the east Verde River to FR 406; easterly on FR 406 to Payson; easterly on AZ Hwy 260 to the Unit Boundary.
5. 23 North Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 23 located north of the following: Beginning at the junction of Tonto Creek and Spring Creek; east along Spring Creek to FR 134; east on FR 134 to FR 129; east on FR 129 to AZ Hwy 288; east on AZ Hwy 288 to FR 54; east on FR 54 to FR 202; south on FR 202 to FR 127; east on FR 127 to FR 127A; east on FR 127A to the Fort Apache Indian Reservation boundary.
6. 23 South Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 23 located south of the following: Beginning at the junction of Tonto Creek and Spring Creek; east along Spring Creek to FR 134; east on FR 134 to FR 129; east on FR 129 to AZ Hwy 288; east on AZ Hwy 288 to FR 54; east on FR 54 to FR 202; south on FR 202 to FR 127; east on FR 127 to FR 127A; east on FR 127A to the Fort Apache Indian Reservation boundary.
7. The Fort Huachuca Army Garrison in Unit 35A is open to bear hunting only to properly licensed military and Fort Huachuca civilian personnel holding a valid Fort Huachuca post hunting permit. Season dates and/or special regulations must be obtained from Fort Huachuca. Increases in Force Protection may result in hunt cancellations at any time with little or no prior notification. For additional information, go to <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/USAG/DIS/hunting.html> or call (520) 533-1867 or (520) 533-7083.
8. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.

BEAR BAG LIMIT: One (1) bear per calendar year except as prescribed in R12-4-120.

BEAR SPECIAL REGULATIONS: As prescribed in R12-4-308, all hunters must contact an Arizona Game and Fish Department office in person or by telephone at 1-800-970-BEAR (2327) within 48 hours of taking a bear. The report shall include the hunter's name, hunting license number, tag number, sex of the bear taken, management unit where the bear was taken, and telephone number at which the hunter can be reached to obtain additional information. Within 10 days of taking a bear, the hunter shall present the bear's skull, hide, and attached proof of sex to a designated Arizona Game and Fish Department employee for inspection. If a hunter freezes the skull or hide before presenting it for inspection, the hunter shall prop the jaw open to allow access to the teeth and ensure that the attached proof of sex is identifiable and accessible (pursuant to R12-4-308). A premolar tooth will be removed during the inspection. Successful hunters are encouraged to contact the nearest Department office by telephone to coordinate inspections.